	SALES TAX RETURN REQUIREMENTS
	2023 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
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LON	G TITLE
Gene	ral Description:
	This bill amends the requirement to obtain a sales and use tax license.
High	lighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	makes technical changes; and
	modifies who may be required to obtain a sales and use tax license.
Mone	ey Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Othe	r Special Clauses:
	None
Utah	Code Sections Affected:
AME	NDS:
	59-12-106, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 16
Be it	enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 59-12-106 is amended to read:
	59-12-106. Definitions Sales and use tax license requirements Penalty
Appl	ication process and requirements No fee Bonds Presumption of taxability
Exen	nption certificates Exemption certificate license number to accompany contract
bids.	
	(1) As used in this section:
	(a) "Applicant" means a person that:

30	(i) is required by this section to obtain a license; and
31	(ii) submits an application:
32	(A) to the commission; and
33	(B) for a license under this section.
34	(b) "Application" means an application for a license under this section.
35	(c) "Fiduciary of the applicant" means a person that:
36	(i) is required to collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter
37	for an applicant; and
38	(ii) (A) is a corporate officer of the applicant described in Subsection (1)(c)(i);
39	(B) is a director of the applicant described in Subsection (1)(c)(i);
40	(C) is an employee of the applicant described in Subsection (1)(c)(i);
41	(D) is a partner of the applicant described in Subsection (1)(c)(i);
42	(E) is a trustee of the applicant described in Subsection (1)(c)(i); or
43	(F) has a relationship to the applicant described in Subsection (1)(c)(i) that is similar to
14	a relationship described in Subsections (1)(c)(ii)(A) through (E) as determined by the
45	commission by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
46	Rulemaking Act.
4 7	(d) "Fiduciary of the licensee" means a person that:
48	(i) is required to collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter
19	for a licensee; and
50	(ii) (A) is a corporate officer of the licensee described in Subsection (1)(d)(i);
51	(B) is a director of the licensee described in Subsection (1)(d)(i);
52	(C) is an employee of the licensee described in Subsection (1)(d)(i);
53	(D) is a partner of the licensee described in Subsection (1)(d)(i);
54	(E) is a trustee of the licensee described in Subsection (1)(d)(i); or
55	(F) has a relationship to the licensee described in Subsection (1)(d)(i) that is similar to
56	a relationship described in Subsections (1)(d)(ii)(A) through (E) as determined by the
57	commission by rule made in accordance with Title 63G. Chapter 3. Utah Administrative

58	Rulemaking Act.
59	(e) "License" means a license under this section.
60	(f) "Licensee" means a person that is licensed under this section by the commission.
61	(g) "Special event" means an event that lasts six months or less where taxable sales
62	occur.
63	(2) (a) It is unlawful for any person required to collect a tax under this chapter to
64	engage in business within the state without first having obtained a license to do so.
65	(b) The license described in Subsection (2)(a):
66	(i) shall be granted and issued by the commission;
67	(ii) is not assignable;
68	(iii) is valid only for the person in whose name the license is issued;
69	(iv) is valid until:
70	(A) the person described in Subsection (2)(b)(iii):
71	(I) ceases to do business; or
72	(II) changes that person's business address; or
73	(B) the license is revoked by the commission; and
74	(v) subject to Subsection (2)(d), shall be granted by the commission only upon an
75	application that:
76	(A) states the name and address of the applicant; and
77	(B) provides other information the commission may require.
78	(c) At the time an applicant makes an application under Subsection (2)(b)(v), the
79	commission shall notify the applicant of the responsibilities and liability of a business owner
80	successor under Section 59-12-112.
81	(d) The commission shall review an application and determine whether the applicant:
82	(i) meets the requirements of this section to be issued a license; and
83	(ii) is required to post a bond with the commission in accordance with Subsections
84	(2)(e) and (f) before the applicant may be issued a license.

(e) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(e)(iii), an applicant shall post a bond with

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86	the commission before the commission may issue the applicant a license if:
87	(A) a license under this section was revoked for a delinquency under this chapter for:
88	(I) the applicant;
89	(II) a fiduciary of the applicant; or
90	(III) a person for which the applicant or the fiduciary of the applicant is required to
91	collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter; or
92	(B) there is a delinquency in paying a tax under this chapter for:
93	(I) the applicant;
94	(II) a fiduciary of the applicant; or
95	(III) a person for which the applicant or the fiduciary of the applicant is required to
96	collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter.
97	(ii) If the commission determines it is necessary to ensure compliance with this
98	chapter, the commission may require a licensee to:
99	(A) for a licensee that has not posted a bond under this section with the commission,
100	post a bond with the commission in accordance with Subsection (2)(f); or
101	(B) for a licensee that has posted a bond under this section with the commission,
102	increase the amount of the bond posted with the commission.
103	(iii) The commission may waive the bond requirement described in Subsection
104	(2)(e)(i), if the applicant is in compliance with a payment agreement that:
105	(A) relates to the delinquency; and
106	(B) is approved by the commission.
107	(f) (i) A bond required by Subsection (2)(e) shall be:
108	(A) executed by:
109	(I) for an applicant, the applicant as principal, with a corporate surety; or
110	(II) for a licensee, the licensee as principal, with a corporate surety; and
111	(B) payable to the commission conditioned upon the faithful performance of all of the
112	requirements of this chapter including:
113	(I) the payment of any tax under this chapter;

114	(II) the payment of any:
115	(Aa) penalty as provided in Section 59-1-401; or
116	(Bb) interest as provided in Section 59-1-402; or
117	(III) any other obligation of the:
118	(Aa) applicant under this chapter; or
119	(Bb) licensee under this chapter.
120	(ii) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(f)(iv), the commission shall calculate the
121	amount of a bond required by Subsection (2)(e) on the basis of:
122	(A) commission estimates of:
123	(I) an applicant's tax liability under this chapter; or
124	(II) a licensee's tax liability under this chapter; and
125	(B) any amount of a delinquency described in Subsection (2)(f)(iii).
126	(iii) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(f)(iv), for purposes of Subsection
127	(2)(f)(ii)(B):
128	(A) for an applicant, the amount of the delinquency is the sum of:
129	(I) the amount of any delinquency that served as a basis for revoking the license under
130	this section of:
131	(Aa) the applicant;
132	(Bb) a fiduciary of the applicant; or
133	(Cc) a person for which the applicant or the fiduciary of the applicant is required to
134	collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter; or
135	(II) the amount of tax that any of the following owe under this chapter:
136	(Aa) the applicant;
137	(Bb) a fiduciary of the applicant; and
138	(Cc) a person for which the applicant or the fiduciary of the applicant is required to
139	collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter; or
140	(B) for a licensee, the amount of the delinquency is the sum of:
141	(I) the amount of any delinquency that served as a basis for revoking the license under

142	unis section of:
143	(Aa) the licensee;
144	(Bb) a fiduciary of the licensee; or
145	(Cc) a person for which the licensee or the fiduciary of the licensee is required to
146	collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter; or
147	(II) the amount of tax that any of the following owe under this chapter:
148	(Aa) the licensee;
149	(Bb) a fiduciary of the licensee; and
150	(Cc) a person for which the licensee or the fiduciary of the licensee is required to
151	collect, truthfully account for, and pay over a tax under this chapter.
152	(iv) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(f)(ii) or (2)(f)(iii), a bond required by Subsection
153	(2)(e) may not:
154	(A) be less than \$25,000; or
155	(B) exceed \$500,000.
156	(g) Subject to Subsection (2)(h), if business is transacted at two or more separate places
157	by one person, a separate license for each place of business is required.
158	(h) A license is not required for any person [that is]:
159	(i) engaged exclusively in the business of selling commodities that are exempt from
160	taxation under this chapter; or
161	(ii) exempt from collecting sales and use tax under Section 59-12-104 and the place of
162	business is a special event.
163	(i) If a person is not required to obtain a license under Subsection (2)(h), a political
164	subdivision, as defined in Subsection 63A-15-102(5), may not require the person to obtain a
165	license as a prerequisite to obtaining a business license or any other right to conduct business.
166	[(i)] (j) (i) The commission shall, on a reasonable notice and after a hearing, revoke the
167	license of any licensee violating any provisions of this chapter.
168	(ii) A license may not be issued to a licensee described in [Subsection (2)(i)(i)]
169	Subsection (2)(j)(i) until the licensee has complied with the requirements of this chapter,

170	including:
171	(A) paying any:
172	(I) tax due under this chapter;
173	(II) penalty as provided in Section 59-1-401; or
174	(III) interest as provided in Section 59-1-402; and
175	(B) posting a bond in accordance with Subsections (2)(e) and (f).
176	[(j)] (k) Any person required to collect a tax under this chapter within this state without
177	having secured a license to do so is guilty of a criminal violation as provided in Section
178	59-1-401.
179	[(k)] (1) A license shall be issued to the person by the commission without a license
180	fee.
181	$[\underbrace{\text{(H)}}]$ $[\underbrace{\text{(m)}}]$ (i) The commission shall include on an application for a temporary sales tax
182	license and special event sales tax return the following statement:
183	"You are not required to complete or return this form or to collect sales and use tax if
184	you are not regularly engaged in the business of selling the items you are offering at this event
185	or all of the items that you are selling at this event are exempt from sales and use tax under
186	Section 59-12-104."
187	(ii) The notice described in [Subsection (2)(1)(i)] Subsection (2)(m)(i) shall be in bold
188	font no smaller than the font of the main content and shall appear at the top of the application
189	form.
190	(3) (a) For the purpose of the proper administration of this chapter and to prevent
191	evasion of the tax and the duty to collect the tax, it shall be presumed that tangible personal
192	property or any other taxable transaction under Subsection 59-12-103(1) sold by any person for
193	delivery in this state is sold for storage, use, or other consumption in this state unless the
194	person selling the property, item, or service has taken from the purchaser an exemption
195	certificate:
196	(i) bearing the name and address of the purchaser; and

(ii) providing that the property, item, or service was exempted under Section

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198	59-12-104.
199	(b) An exemption certificate described in Subsection (3)(a):
200	(i) shall contain information as prescribed by the commission; and
201	(ii) if a paper exemption certificate is used, shall be signed by the purchaser.
202	(c) (i) Subject to Subsection (3)(c)(ii), a seller or certified service provider is not liable
203	to collect a tax under this chapter if the seller or certified service provider obtains within 90
204	days after a transaction is complete:
205	(A) an exemption certificate containing the information required by Subsections (3)(a)
206	and (b); or
207	(B) the information required by Subsections (3)(a) and (b).
208	(ii) A seller or certified service provider that does not obtain the exemption certificate
209	or information described in Subsection (3)(c)(i) with respect to a transaction is allowed 120
210	days after the commission requests the seller or certified service provider to substantiate the
211	exemption to:
212	(A) establish that the transaction is not subject to taxation under this chapter by a
213	means other than providing an exemption certificate containing the information required by
214	Subsections (3)(a) and (b); or
215	(B) subject to Subsection (3)(c)(iii), obtain an exemption certificate containing the
216	information required by Subsections (3)(a) and (b), taken in good faith.
217	(iii) For purposes of Subsection (3)(c)(ii)(B), an exemption certificate is taken in good
218	faith if the exemption certificate claims an exemption that:
219	(A) was allowed by statute on the date of the transaction in the jurisdiction of the
220	location of the transaction;
221	(B) could be applicable to that transaction; and
222	(C) is reasonable for the purchaser's type of business.
223	(d) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(e), a seller or certified service provider that
224	takes an exemption certificate from a purchaser in accordance with this Subsection (3) with

respect to a transaction is not liable to collect a tax under this chapter on that transaction.

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226 (e) Subsection (3)(d) does not apply to a seller or certified service provider if the 227 commission establishes through an audit that the seller or certified service provider: (i) knew or had reason to know at the time the purchaser provided the seller or certified 228 229 service provider the information described in Subsection (3)(a) or (b) that the information 230 related to the exemption claimed was materially false; or (ii) otherwise knowingly participated in activity intended to purposefully evade the tax 231 232 due on the transaction. 233 (f) (i) Subject to Subsection (3)(f)(ii) and except as provided in Subsection (3)(f)(iii), if 234 there is a recurring business relationship between a seller or certified service provider and a 235 purchaser, the commission may not require the seller or certified service provider to: (A) renew an exemption certificate: 236 237 (B) update an exemption certificate; or 238 (C) update a data element of an exemption certificate. 239 (ii) For purposes of Subsection (3)(f)(i), a recurring business relationship exists if no 240 more than a 12-month period elapses between transactions between a seller or certified service 241 provider and a purchaser. (iii) If there is a recurring business relationship between a seller or certified service 242 provider and a purchaser, the commission shall require an exemption certificate the seller or 243 244 certified service provider takes from the purchaser to meet the requirements of Subsections 245 (3)(a) and (b). (4) A person filing a contract bid with the state or a political subdivision of the state for 246

the sale of tangible personal property or any other taxable transaction under Subsection

59-12-103(1) shall include with the bid the number of the license issued to that person under

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Subsection (2).